The Ultimate Clash

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Summary: The digidestined find themselves in a new dimension with strange new allies...and enemies.

1. Default Chapter Title

The Ultimate Clash

This isn't the real world...it isn't the digiworld...what the hell is it? Hey, what's that yellow oranged-striped thing with a lightning-shaped tail? What's that plane? Who're those evil-looking guys? Just what is this place?

Chapter 1

"Where are we?" asked Mimi as the digidestined wandered around in what appeared to be a city. Palmon was right beside her.

"Lost," Gomamon volunteered. Joe patted him on the head, half in affection, half to warn him not to provoke Mimi during one of her moods.

"Oh great, I never thought we'd have to put up with this again. You know, being spontaneously dragged out of our world, being lost in another world, being tired, annoyed, cranky..." Sora trailed off. Biyomon nodded sympathetically.

"This _is_ getting pretty old," Matt agreed as Gabumon walked alongside him. His little brother T.K. said nothing; he just continued walking along as his digimon Patamon floated beside him.

Tai, the leader, spoke up, "We'd better find some place to get food and shelter. It looks like it's getting dark." His digimon Agumon, his little sister Kari, and her digimon Gatomon all nodded.

"I still can't understand how we just suddenly got pulled into here.

What is our purpose here? Is this digiworld? Are we here to fight more evil digimon?" Izzy, the curious and smart one, rambled on. Tentomon flew beside him.

"My sugar level's getting low. What're we going to do for the night? We need to do somewhere to stay, some food to eat, some water to drink, some..." said Joe.

"Some peace and quiet," Matt replied.

That did nothing to faze Joe, who continued to complain and worry.

"Wait, what's that?" Kari called out suddenly. There were three more kids standing in the middle of the road. There was a small cute-looking creature with them. It looked like a mouse, but bigger and cuter.

"Who are you?" called out one of the new kids, a boy.

"We're the digidestined. I'm Tai, this is Sora, Matt, Mimi, Joe, Izzy, T.K., and Kari," replied Tai, gesturing around. "So who are you?"

"I'm Ash Ketchum, and these are Misty and Brock. We're Pokemon trainers," replied the boy. He gestured to the creature. "This is my pokemon, Pikachu."

"Pokemon? Well, we have digimon. These are Agumon, Biyomon, Gabumon, Palmon, Gomamon, Tentomon, Patamon, and Gatomon."

"Cool."

Izzy spoke up. "I've been running some scans. Your phase-sync is different from ours, which means we're from two different dimensions."

"Heavy stuff," said Brock.

"Yup," agreed Matt.

Another digimon suddenly flashed overhead. It looked like a cross between a really ugly bird and a dragon.

"That's Vuldramon," Tentomon informed. "It's an evil digimon, and it's at ultimate stage, but it's more powerful than many digimon at the mega stage."

"What's going on?" asked another boy that appeared out of the shadows. This one was dressed different from everyone else: all 3 pokemon trainers and all 8 digidestined kids were dressed in casual clothes, but this boy was dressed in army-style fatigues and a bulletproof vest. Furthermore, he was gripping an assault rifle and had a submachine gun and a pistol holstered.

"Who are you, and why do you have guns?" asked Tai.

"I'm Major General Kevin Zhu, United States Tri-Service Special Operations Command. These are Colonel Haris Ashraf, my second in command; Colonel Lydia Yang, my security specialist; Lieutenant

Colonel Eric Morris, my most experienced infantry commander; Major Scott Miller, Eric's second-in-command," replied the armed kid as he gestured to three boys and a girl that looked like they were his age. They were equally well-armed.

Just then, 4 large vehicles rolled out into view. "Oh yeah, these are 4 of my M2A3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, led by Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Takeda."

"How did a bunch of kids become high-ranking soldiers?" asked Matt.

"How did a bunch of kids get weird-looking creatures?" Kevin countered.

"Well, it doesn't matter how or why we were brought here, just that we _were_. Somebody had a reason to put us together, so we'd better work together until we can figure out what's going on," reasoned Izzy logically.

Kevin nodded. "Agreed."

"Okay, count me in," said Ash.

As if on cue, Vuldramon came roaring back. "We have to deal with him first. Agumon!" yelled Tai.

"Got it! Agumon digievolve to...(flash of light)...Greymon!" yelled the former Agumon. He now became a huge horned fire-spitting dinosaur.

"Cool," Eric remarked.

"My Charizard's better," said Ash.

"Nova Blast!" yelled Greymon. A large fireball flew out of his mouth and smacked into Vuldramon, but did little apparent damage. Vuldramon looked at Greymon's direction and fired a blue beam out of his beak.

"Watch out, that's Vuldramon's Fushion Beam!" yelled Tentomon.

Greymon jumped out of the way, but was still hurt by the collateral damage of the blast. All the kids stumbled back from the force.

"I'm digievolving! Gabumon digievolve to Garurumon!" cried out Gabumon as he turned into a huge wolf.

"Greymon digievolve to Metal Greymon!" said Greymon as he changed to his Ultimate form. "Giga-Blaster!" he yelled as soon as the transformation was complete. Two large missiles flew out of his chest.

"Garurumon digievolve to Weregarurumon!" Garurumon suddenly stood erect, and cool body armor with spikes appeared on him. He did a few karate kicks for good measure. "Wolf Claw!" Weregarurmon surged forward and slashed Vuldramon with two powerful energy slashes.

Vuldramon was blasted back by the combined assault, but continued firing Fushion Beams. One of them hit Weregarurumon.

"Well don't just stand around, help them!" yelled Sora.

Birdramon, Kabuterimon, Togemon, Ikkakumon, Angemon, and Angewomon charged foward.

"Meteor Wing!"

"Electro-Shocker!"

"Needle Spray!"

"Harpoon Torpedo!"

"Hand of Fate!"

"Celestial Arrow!"

Ash threw a pokeball. "Wartortle, go!" Wartortle popped out and blasted a powerful shot of water at Vuldramon.

"Let 'im have it!" Kevin yelled. The soldier-kids opened fire with their assualt rifles, while the Bradleys fired their heavy-caliber 25mm chainguns and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles (which tracks heat signatures, such as Vuldramon's).

All of the attacks hit Vuldramon, and he fell to the ground, wounded.

"Alright, I'm getting sick of this guy. Time to finish him off," yelled Weregarurumon, who had gotten back on his feet.

"Birdramon digievolve to Garudamon!"

"Kabuterimon digievolve to Megakabuterimon!"

"Togemon digievolve to Lillymon!"

"Ikkakumon digievolve to Zudomon!"

"Pikachu, go!" Ash yelled, bringing out his best pokemon.

"Go, Psyduck!" yelled Misty. Ash looked at her strangely, then turned his attention back to the battle.

"Go, Ninetales!" ordered Brock. The nine-tailed firefox leapt out.

"Arm and lock the LOSATs!" Kevin ordered. LOSATs were hypersonic guided missiles that were very powerful.

"Gigablaster!"

"Wolf Claw!"

"Wing Blade!"

"Horn Blaster!"

"Flower Cannon!"

"Vulcan's Hammer!"

"Hand of Fate!"

"Celestial Arrow!"

"Pikachu, Thunderbolt attack!"

"Psyduck, Disable. Come on, Disable! Oh, um, Confusion! Come on, you dumb duck..."

"Ninetales, Fire Blast!"

"LOSATs away!

The combined power from all the attacks vaporized Vuldramon.

"Whew, that was a hard fight," Matt exclaimed.

"Yeah, I almost had to warp-digievolve to Wargreymon," Agumon agreed as he returned to his normal self.

"Something tells me that we haven't seen anything yet. We were brought here for a purpose, and if that purpose was important enough to bring together Earth's best warriors from different dimensions, then whatever we're going to face has got to be really tough," calculated Izzy.

"Let's do it. My troops are ready," said Kevin.

"We can do it, right Pikachu?" from Ash.

"Pika."

"Okay, let's find someplace to stay. It's getting dark," said Tai.

2. Chapter 2

The Ultimate Clash, Part 2

This just keeps getting weirder. Oh well, at least we know what we're supposed to do now...

Chapter 2

"Clear!" yelled Kevin as he and Lydia finished their security sweep of the restaurant. Like every other building here, there were no humans. The kids had been transported there by the Bradleys, every one of which could roomily carry 7 people. On the way, they had all swapped stories and now knew about each other's backgrounds.

"Is this really necessary?" asked Brock as the others walked into the room.

"Ever since we were ambushed by those Tankmon at that 'hotel'? Yeah, I'd say it's necessary," replied Joe.

Tai took the lid off of a plate, and there was a large fully cooked turkey. "Yeah!" he yelled as he started opening other containers and bowls. There were chicken, fish, corn, shrimp, and steak entrees. It was a banquet!

Kevin held up a hand. "Wait, it could be poisoned. Enemy forces always leave behind poisoned food to squeeze out a few extra casualties."

TK whispered to Matt, "Hey, what's with him? He's really..."

"Uptight?" Matt provided.

"I heard that. I'm just being cautious. This is what any responsible officer would do in potentially hostile territory. Anyway, we need a way to test the food for poison," said Kevin.

"I can use my Snorlax. I've seen a Snorlax get kissed by a Meowth before, and he lived. He can take a lot of poison," Ash offered.

"Let me guess, a Meowth's kiss is really poisonous?" asked Sora.

"Yup."

"Do it," from Kevin.

Snorlax popped out, and leaned forward to eat the turkey.

"Now remember, Snorlax, you're just going to eat a little bit--" Ash began, but Snorlax had already engulfed the entire turkey. After a few minutes, Snorlax was still fine.

"Okay, it's not poisoned. Let's chow!" yelled Tai.

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"Man! This is great!" TK yelled as he chomped on a chicken leg.

"I'm inclined to agree. This is the best food I've ever had, next to my mom's cooking, of course. Prodigious!" said Izzy.

"Have some more, Kari," Tai said as he put more into her bowl.

Kari smiled at him.

Haris pointed to Tai and Kari and whispered to Kevin, "He's hella pimpn' on her."

Kevin gave him a light smack on the head. "What the hell are you talking about, man? He's her older brother."

"Oh."

Suddenly, Kevin's world exploded in a world of pain. The glass window shattered and shards flew toward the kids, slicing everyone. Kevin flew back with a cut on his face and his left arm bleeding.

A cackling was heard. The digidestined knew who it was before they even saw him.

"It's Puppetmon!" Izzy warned the non-digidestined kids. "He's a megadigimon, and he's really hard to beat!"

"How can Puppetmon be back again? I thought Matt and Metal Garurumon had destroyed him on Spiral Mountain!" yelled Mimi as Palmon used Poison Ivy to try to whip away the worst of the glass shards.

"This is not good! Where's Gennai?!" Joe shouted.

"Hehehehehehehehehe, digi-fools! You ask how I came back? That's simple, UltraDevimon and Succubusmon brought all the Dark Masters back, plus many others! Digi-world's already been conquered, and this world is next!" cackled Puppetmon.

"And just what the hell is this world?" yelled Haris. His face had two cuts, but the Kevlar armor had protected him overall.

"Who is that? I don't recognize him! I thought only you pesky digidestined were here!" stated Puppetmon with a confused expression.

"Answer the question before we use you for firewood!" Ash shot back, bleeding from half a dozen chest wounds. "Charizard, go!"

The fiery dragon pokemon appeared. It totally obeyed Ash, after Ash had saved its life repeatedly during a vicious battle against 6 high-level water pokemon.

"Don't threaten me, whoever you are. My powers greatly exceed yours. But if you must know, this is what we call a centerpiece world. It's a dimension that is right between a dozen dimensions, including the ones that all of you different kids must've come from. If UltraDevimon and Succubusmon can take over this world, they'll have clear access to invade and conquer all the other worlds," replied Puppetmon.

"That must be why we were sent here--to prevent that," Izzy told everyone.

"Very smart. Alright, this is boring. I want to play some games!" said Puppetmon.

"The only thing we're going to play here is your termite-infested ass!" yelled Kevin as the five soldier-kids opened fire with a murderous stream of 5.56mm bullets from their M-4 carbine assault rifles.

"Whoa! You play dirty, no fair!" Puppetmon complained as he raised his hammer to block the bullets.

"Charizard, Flamethrower!"

Brock and Misty threw a pokeball each. "Golem, go!" "Starmie, go!"

"Puppet Pummel!" Puppetmon countered. Energy shots from the hammer neutralized the flamethrower, then headed toward the gun-toting kids and the pokemon trainers. Golem rolled into a ball and blocked all the shots with his tough armor, but barely. He was badly wounded, and Brock recalled him.

However, Puppetmon had ignored the digidestined for far too long.

"Agumon, warp-digievolve to...Wargreymon!"

"Gabumon, warp-digievolve to...Metal Garurumon!"

"Ice Wolf Claw!" announced Metal Garurumon as he fired a big freezing energy blast from his mouth. It blew Puppetmon back, wounding him.

"Terra Force!" shouted Wargreymon as he hurled a large and very powerful energy sphere toward Puppetmon, further damaging him.

"Charizard, Skull Bash!"

Charizard ran forward at full speed and rammed the weakened Puppetmon, knocking him out the window

"Full Stinger spread, now!" Kevin radioed to the Bradleys parked in the street. They each fired 2 Stinger missiles.

"No, not again..." wailed Puppetmon as the 8 Stingers slammed into him from behind and below, destroying him.

The digimon went back to their rookie forms, the pokemon went back into their pokeballs, and the soldier-kids safed their weapons.

"How're we doing on ammo?" asked Kevin.

"Apparently, 100%, sir. We seem to have unlimited ammo as long as we're in this world. That goes for the Bradleys' chainguns and missiles, too," replied Scott.

"Alright, now we know why we're here. We're here to stop whoever UltraDevimon and Succubusmon are from taking over this world," said Brock as he wrapped an arm wound with a piece of tablecloth.

"Do you guys know who they are?" Misty asked the digidestined.

"Nope. Although judging by their names, they're probably powerful demon digimon at the mega stage, maybe even higher," Izzy answered.

"Wait, there's a higher level than mega?" Tai spoke up, worried. Mega was the highest level that their digimon could go to, and that was only two of them. The rest were stuck at ultimate.

"For everything, there is always a higher level," a voice was heard.

It came from Izzy's computer.

The kids crowded around the laptop, and saw a picture of an old man.

"Gennai!" Joe exclaimed.

"This is Gennai," Izzy explained. "He pops up periodically to give us information."

"That's right," agreed Gennai. "Indeed, I've come to tell you something. I've been working , in a secluded location of course, to locate UltraDevimon and Succubusmon."

Another face appeared on the screen.

"General Douglas!" Kevin said in surprise. It was General Peter Douglas, the soldier-kids' commanding officer.

"That's right Kevin, I'm here with Gennai. This place is weird. Anyway, when we were transported to this world, a SR-91 Aurora recon plane came with us. I've sent the Aurora in some sorties, and we've found out that those two demon digimon are located northeast of your position, in a place called Terrabyte Temple. I've downloaded the position on a map overlay to the computers on your Bradleys, your GPS receivers, and Izzy's computer."

"File Island, Spiral Mountain, Terrabyte Temple, who makes up these names?" Matt asked no one in particular.

"Wait, how did we even get here in the first place?" asked Ash.

Just then, another face appeared. It was Professor Oak. "We're not sure yet. However, there are definitely forces at work that we don't know about."

Izzy typed something on his computer, and a map popped up. He pointed to a spot, about 10 kilometers north of their position. "There, this should be our first stop. It has a healing spring, which we can use to rejuvenate ourselves and heal our wounds."

"Good idea, and if we somehow get split up, this is where we'll go to meet up again," said Tai.

"Alright, let's roll," Kevin decided as he started toward the door.

"Yeah, let's go!" yelled Ash.

"Shut up, Ash," Misty replied as she followed.

The kids filed out of the ruined restaurant and into their Bradleys.

Chapter 3

As the Bradleys neared the edge of the city, an ear-splitting roar sounded as a large explosion erupted right in front of the four vehicles. Out of the smoke appeared a long serpent-like metal dragon

and a huge metal dinosaur with cannons on its shoulders.

Kevin popped the hatch of his lead Bradley and yelled to the two enemy digimon, "Hey dumb-asses, you missed!"

Tai tapped him on the shoulder. "That's not a good idea. I recognize them--they're Metal Seadramon and Machinedramon. Both dark masters, both at the mega stage. Beating them is going to be tough."

"I don't know how or why you're here, but we don't want you here! It's time to wipe you out permanently, so that you can't interfere with UltraDevimon and Succubusmon's plans!" roared Metal Seadramon.

"You may have destroyed that fool Puppetmon, but we should prove to be much harder," Machinedramon added.

"Aw great," Kevin began as he began to sink into the Bradley and close the hatch. "Arm and lock LOSATs!"

"Pikachu, Wartortle, Ivysaur, Charizard, Pigeot, go!" Ash yelled.

"Golem, Ninetales, Onix, go!" Brock ordered.

"Starmie, Staryu, Seaking, and yes, even Psyduck, go!" commanded Misty.

Pikachu jumped out of his Bradley's hatch. The others followed as they got out of their pokeballs.

"Agumon warp-digievolve to...Wargreymon!"

"Gabumon warp-digievolve to...Metal Garurumon!"

"Palmon digievolve to Togemon!"

"Tentomon digievolve to Kabuterimon!"

"Gomamon digievolve to Ikkakumon!"

"Biyomon digievolve to Birdramon!"

"Patamon digievolve to Angemon!"

"Gatomon digievolve to Angewomon!"

Before any good guys could launch an attack, the two Dark Masters struck.

"River of Power!"

"Gigacannon!"

A fearsome blue beam shot out from Metal Seadramon's mouth, and Machinedramon rapid-fired his twin cannons to launch powerful energy projectiles. The attacks exploded in the center of the Bradleys, knocking all four (and the kids inside them) flying.

"Izzy!" Kabuterimon yelled as it quickly flew and grabbed one of the

Bradleys.

"Sora!" Birdramon cried. It too grabbed a Bradley.

"Matt!" Metal Garurumon exclaimed as it grabbed the remaining two. All four were set down gently.

"Terra Force!" Wargreymon yelled as it launched its signature move against Machinedramon.

Ikkakumon launched horn-shaped projectiles that split open to reveal missiles. The missiles struck Metal Seadramon in the head. "Have some Harpoon Torpedoes!"

"Needle Spray!" Togemon cried as it fired dozens of sharp needles at both enemies.

"Hand of Fate!"

"Celestial Arrow!"

The two heavenly attacks slammed into Machinedramon.

"Metal Wolf Claw!" yelled Metal Garurumon as it fired a dazzling barrage of missiles at Metal Seadramon.

"Meteor Wing!"

"Electro-Shocker!"

These two firey and shocking attacks slammed into Machinedramon.

"Pika!" Pikachu announced as it fired a Thunder at Metal Seadramon. Charizard used Flamethrower, Ivysaur shot off Razor Leaf, Wartortle fired Ice Beam, Golem rolled into a ball and did his Rock Slide attack, and Onix used Headbutt. All these attacks were directed at Machinedramon. Pigeot did Sky Attack, Ninetales used Fire Spin, Starmie fired an Aurora Beam, Staryu used Water Gun, Seaking did a Waterfall, and Psyduck just stood there. These were all at Metal Seadramon.

"Fire LOSATs!" Kevin yelled as soon as the Bradleys stabilized. Eight LOSAT missiles streaked out and spread their damage evenly between the two Dark Masters.

All the kids, digimon, and pokemon stood there, breathing heavily, as they waited for the dust to settle.

Suddenly, "River of Power!"

"Gigacannon!"

The attacks slammed into the good guys, damaging them and forcing them back. Those who were fast enough managed to avoid the powerful energy blasts, but some didn't. Onix, Golem, Psyduck, Seaking, and Staryu were hit repeatedly and knocked out. The digimon who were hit were wounded, but not direly. The Bradleys split up to avoid the shots, all the while maintaining their locks on the two enemy digimon. However, one explosion erupted very close to a Bradley,

knocking it 50 feet into the air before it fell down on its side. Thankfully, no one was killed, although most were wounded and some suffered broken bones and even concussions.

"Haha, fools! When we were brought back, our powers were also increased. We may have been damaged by your pitiful show, but not critically. We both have another layer of chrome digizoid armor. You will never win!" Metal Seadramon sneered.

_Is he right? Will the kids' crusade to save this world and therefore all the other dimensions end before it begins? Will anyone be killed? Will I get a life? No, wait, that last one wasn't right. Whatever.
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_ Find out during Part 3! _

3. Chapter 3

The Ultimate Clash, Part 3

Whoa, this isn't good...

Chapter 4

"Togemon digievolve to Lillymon!"

"Kabuterimon digievolve to Megakabuterimon!"

"Ikkakumon digievolve to Zudomon!"

"Birdramon digievolve to Garudamon!"

"Admit defeat!" Machinedramon commanded.

"Okay, I realize that you have some unhealthy anger, and I'm not saying that it's a bad thing, but maybe we shouldn't fight. Let's make peace. Um, how about some Knock-Knock jokes to break the ice?" Joe teetered nervously.

Kevin looked at the IVIS (Inter-Vehicular Information System) screen in his Bradley, and shook his head at the status of the Bradley that had been knocked over. All of its primary systems were out, and the targeting and gyro systems were haywire.

"Bradley 4, what's your status?" Kevin asked, contacting the "fallen" Bradley.

Matt's voice came on the line. "We're injured, but okay. No ones dead, but it looks like several of us have serious injuries. We're out of the fight."

His report was interrupted by explosions from another Gigacannon barrage. "Gun the throttles!" Kevin yelled to the driver. The Bradley shot forward, leading the remaining 2 Bradleys plus all the digimon and pokemon in a merry-go-around circle around Machinedramon. The tactic confused him and threw off his aim.

"River of Power!" Metal Seadramon yelled as he flew up to get a better vantage point, then unleashed another blue energy beam from

his nose. It blew a hole in the ground, but no one was hit.

"Alright, I've had it with these guys! Time to stop screwing around, let's get them!" said Tai.

Kevin surveyed the two Dark Masters for a second, then came up with a plan. "We need to take out Machinedramon first; he's the biggest threat. First, we have to open a crack in his armor, then pour firepower through that crack and blow up his insides. Concentrate your firepower on one spot, on the chest!"

"Got it! Pikachu, Charizard, Wartortle, Ivysaur, Pigeot, Ninetales, Starmie, Staryu, attack!" Ash commanded all the still-healthy pokemon.

Nothing was withheld. Pikachu fired a Thunder Wave to paralyze Machinedramon, while Charizard shot a Fire Blast, Wartortle fired Blizzard, Ivysaur used Solarbeam, Pigeot raised a Razor Wind, Ninetales fired a Fire Blast, Starmie used Hydro Pump, and Staryu attacked with Swift. A groove in Machinedramon's central chest armor appeared.

"Let's finish off that armor! Hand of Fate!" Angemon yelled as his palm fired a concentrated blast of pure Light energy.

"Celestial Arrow!" Angewomon announced, firing a powerful arrow from her bow.

"Flower Cannon!" Lillymon shouted as she fired a green blast.

The groove deepened, and the kids could see that Machinedramon was having trouble breathing.

"Strike the final blow, Zudomon!" Joe commanded.

"Vulcan's Hammer!" Zudomon hurled his hammer made of chrom digizoid at Machinedramon's chest. The sharp end struck, finally breaking open the armor. The hammer returned like a boomerang.

"Aaaaaaaargh!" Machinedramon screamed in a raspy voice.

"Wing Blade!" said Garudamon, firing a phoenix-shaped energy burst.

"Horn Blaster!" Megakabuterimon fired a powerful shot from its axe-shaped horn.

The two attacks flew into the hole in Machinedramon's chest, wreaking havoc from within. Machinedramon dropped to his knees and started firing Gigacannon furiously.

"Counterbattery fire!" Kevin ordered. The three remaining Bradleys opened fire with their Bushmaster 25mm chainguns, the high-explosive bullets breaking up and/or deflecting the Gigacannon blasts.

Metal Seadramon saw that he and Machinedramon were starting to lose, and began launching another attack. "River of--"

"Oh no you don't! Terra Force!" Wargreymon cut him off as he hurled

another energy burst at Metal Seadramon.

"Metal Wolf Claw!" Metal Garurumon added, firing dozens of powerful missiles from launchers all over his body.

The combined force of the two mega attacks blasted Metal Seadramon back, stopping his attack from coming out. The giant serpent floated backwards, dazed.

Meanwhile, Machinedramon was dying, but not quickly enough. He was still firing Gigacannon, even as the digimon and pokemon kept pouring firepower into his chest wound. Kevin suddenly got an idea. "Gunners, lock LOSATs on the cannons on his shoulders! I want those missiles to fly straight into the barrels of the cannons!"

"Bradley 1, locked," reported his gunner.

"Bradley 2, locked," reported his wingman Bradley's gunner.

"Bradley 3, locked," confirmed the other Bradley.

"Fire!"

Twelve LOSAT missiles streaked out. Four missed and exploded on the cannons without actually going inside, but the other eight flew into the two cannons and exploded inside. The explosions cooked off all the Gigacannon energy and ammo stored in there, quickly blowing up Machinedramon from the waist up. The legs evaporated. One down.

"Mega Claw!" Wargreymon yelled as he viciously cut into Metal Seadramon with his chrome digizoid claws. "Terra Force!" he announced as he flew past his quarry, turned around, and fired another energy sphere into the weakened Dark Master.

Metal Garurumon followed and yelled, "Metal Wolf Claw!" He further sliced Metal Seadramon, then fired his missiles to force apart the pieces of the cut-up metal serpent. Metal Seadramon disintegrated.

Everyone was on his or her last energy reserves. The digimon de-digievolved, the pokemon went back into their pokeballs, and the kids walked over to the wrecked Bradley to pull out their injured comrades.

Chapter 5

In most cases, some dressings and casts were all that were needed to fix up the injured kids. However, Mimi had broken her left shoulder, three ribs, and a shattered ankle. She wasn't used to this kind of immense pain, and was lying with a blanket in one of the Bradleys. Matt and Joe, both of whom had fractured arms, hovered over her, as did Palmon. Ash was also unconscious, knocked out from a concussion

Kevin winced at a sudden stab of pain in his cut-up arm as he said to everyone, "We've got to get to the spring fast. All of us are injured, some of us severely. All of the digimon are running low on energy. There's danger everywhere. We _need_ to get to that spring,

we need more forces, we need less powerful enemy forces...we have so little to work with. Reaching Terrabyte Temple is going to be next to impossible."

"We've faced tougher odds before," Tai replied. He was busy wrapping up a deep cut on his right shoulder.

"I doubt you have," Kevin told him. "Maybe you don't understand the situation that we're in. We're down to our last reserves after only two battles, and we're not an inch closer to our objectives. It's like trying to pierce through a division with a platoon. We aren't mobile enough, strong enough, or lucky enough to overcome all the bad guys from here to Terrabyte Temple, or even from here to the healing spring."

"Hey, I understand the situation perfectly," Tai shot back. "Just because you've led in a few wars, you're not any better than the rest of us! I was just trying to be optimistic. We've been through a lot, and if we took it all, we can take thsi!"

"I never said I was any better, but the fact of the matter is that I have more experience commanding a strike force. If we were facing smaller, more poorly-armed forces, and we knew where they were, then I think we could possibly defeat or at least avoid them. But the enemy here is big, well-armed, and we have no clue where any of them are. Besides, even if we do happen to reach Terrabyte Temple, what chances do you think we have of beating those superpowerful demons? We need another option!" Kevin yelled, his temper rising. The circumstances were horrible.

"I know that, but we don't have any other options!" Tai yelled back.

"Guys, guys, settle down. We're all agitated here, no need to fight amongst ourselves," Sora stepped in.

"Yeah Kev, cool off," Eric said as he placed a hand on the young general's shoulder.

Suddenly, the computer beeped, and Izzy ran over to it. It was Gennai again.

"Izzy! What happened to you?!" Gennai exclaimed. Izzy had been inside the wrecked Bradley, and had gotten a series of bruises and bumps as his body had been tossed around as the Bradley had crashed into the ground after its short time airbrone. He looked like a mess.

"We had a near-fatal "reunion" with Metal Seadramon and Machinedramon. We won, but barely," Izzy replied. "If we have to face enemies like that this early, what chance do we have later on?"

"You won't fail, Izzy, I'm sure of that," Gennai told him.

"Whatever." The battle had drained Izzy of his usual upbeat and inquisitive nature.

"Well, here's some good news," General Douglas said as his face replaced Gennai's. "More people on our side have been transported

here. There are a group of kids who can morph into pokemon, hence their name "Pokemorphs", holding position about 2 kilometers west of your position. One of them has a laptop, and we've contacted and told them about this world and our mission. Also, Kevin, more of our vehicles have come. Two platoons of four M1A2 Abrams main battle tanks and a platoon of four Humvees armed with LOSATs and 20mm Vulcan cannons are about one kilometer northeast. We've contacted them also. Lastly, there is a group of four young adults and one cat-like creature called a Moogle three kilometers directly north. The four humans appear to have strong magic powers plus gems called "Magicites" that contain great attack power; and the Moogle, named Mog, can dance different dances that have different attack effects. In fact, another one of them is with us. His name is Banon. It's recommended that you split up into different groups and go after them, then link up again as a combined force at the spring."

"Got it," Tai replied.

"We'll tell you as soon as more information becomes available. Good luck," Oak said as the link was shut. Izzy packed up his computer and the kids prepared to move out, hope becoming more than just a word for the first time.

"Hey Tai, how 'bout it, no hard feelings?" Kevin said as he extended a hand.

Tai shook it. "None. We're both worried leaders, and there's bound to be friction. I respect you."

"And I respect you. I guess we're both just leaders stuck with the agony of command," Kevin returned.

"Yup."

"How touching!" came an evil cackling.

"No, not again!" Brock exclaimed as he swung his head around to see the shadowy forms of...

_Who are these newcomers? The kids are weakened, and any fight is not likely to turn out well for them. Will the kids be able to survive and get to their reinforcements? Will they ever reach the healing spring? _

_ Find out in part 4 (chapters 6-7)! _

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4. Chapter 4